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Southwick's Valentine: Kari Davis



THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION kicks off its door-to-door campaign on Heart Sunday, February 14th. This year's Heart Princess is "Kari" Davis of Southwick pictured here with Western Mass. Division Campaign Chairman, Jack Devine. Kari underwent open heart surgery less than a year ago and is now able to lead a healthy, active life. SEE RELATED story on page 9, "Community Scrapbook."

Debate On Procedure Surrounds Modified DPW Appointment

By Andi Phelps

After more than two hours of heated debate among members of the Board of Selectmen concerning the formation of a "modified" Department of Public Works, the selectmen appointed Water Superintendent Merton Seibert as Acting Highway Superintendent, effective March 1.

Water commissioners were in agreement with the appointment, according to selectman Russell Fox. "This is the first step to combining supervision of the highway and water departments to run cost efficiently."

The Wednesday session with water commissioners and Town Counsel John Burke was originally scheduled to be closed to the public. Selectwoman Vivian Brown asked that the meeting be kept open, saying, "people want to know what is going on."

Brown accused selectmen Fox and John Viel (chairman) of planning the "modified" DPW in private, and not during a posted meeting. She said, "No one knew about it except Francis Ehrhardt (Finance Committee Chairman), Barbara Matthews (Study Committee member), and the two selectmen. Not even all of the DPW study committee knew about it."

Admitting that the proposal had been discussed outside the conference room, Viel defended the action saying it was all "strictly exploratory and no salaries or names were discussed."

He said, "After we heard of Sponberg's (Clifford) resignation, we researched ideas of whether to replace him, go on without a superintendent, or to merge the position with that of the water department. We talked informally with town attorney and the water commissioners. No decisions were made - only tentative suggestions."

Viel added, "I only wanted to present a workable theory to the study committee," at last week's meeting.

Viel felt some action must be taken within the next few weeks because Sponberg's resignation, effective March 1, leaves the town without a highway superintendent.

The three selectmen and the water commissioners were in agreement concerning Seibert's appointment and the merging of the two superintendents' positions.

We're All Guilty

Attorney Burke noted that in town government, "We are all guilty of talking town business whenever we can." He added that "if no decisions were made, then we can go ahead."

Burke explained that it is legal and necessary to appoint an acting superintendent in the absence of the superintendent. He said there are some duties that

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Police Comm. Promotes Two Officers

By Connie Davis

At its regular meeting February 10, the Suffield Police Commission approved the promotion of two officers, voted to request money in the 1982-83 budget for two extra policemen, and endorsed the purchase of the building next to the Mobil Station on High Street for a new police station.

Effective July 1, Lt. Robert Williams will become a captain, a newly created post, and Sgt. Anthony Szoka will be promoted to fill William's position. Both are veteran members of the police department.

To further strengthen the force, the commission, acting on the recommendation of Chief Murray Phelps, is planning to add two officers for the purpose of keeping three policemen on the road, except from midnight to 8 a.m. Funding for the increase in manpower is subject to Board of Finance and Town Meeting approval.

At the present time, two patrol cars are used to cover the town's 43 square miles. The added personnel would help suppress crime and improve response time in handling accidents and medical emergencies, according to Phelps.

Lt. Williams, who presented Phelps' report, noted that both cruisers often respond to a serious accident. The recent fatal two-car accident is a case in point, he said.

At the time of the fatal accident on Route 75, the police were asked to respond to a medical emergency in the over-the-mountain section of town and were called to an additional accident. Although Suffield can rely on other towns in an emergency situation, Williams contends that the department is now overextended.

By eliminating overtime and patrolling the town more efficiently, Williams said the added manpower costs would not be severe. He also noted that the department already has a third car available for road duty.

Suffield town employees will have the opportunity to hear Regional Representative Stephen J. Ellis of the Hartford Insurance Company present a program on tax-sheltered annuities on Friday, February 19th, at 2 in the Public Hearing Room of Town Hall.

Administrative Assistant Ronald Birmingham recommended that the Board of Selectmen set up the meeting.

Tax sheltered annuities do not conflict with IRA (Individual Retirement Accounts), Birmingham explained. He added that a representative of a local bank will meet with town employees to discuss IRA's in the near future.

Finance Board Approves Transfers

By Connie Davis

Suffield: The Finance Board approved a transfer of \$2,000 from a contingencies fund to the Zoning Board of Appeals at its meeting last Monday night.

Paul Taylor, chairman of the ZBA, explained to Finance Board members that five ZBA decisions are being appealed to Superior Court and these unanticipated legal fees brought his board over budget and prompted the requested transfer of funds.

In other business, the Finance Board tabled a request by Probate Judge Samuel Orr for additional funds to microfilm records. Richard Golas, alternate board member, plans to investigate the cost and feasibility of in-house microfilming.

Conservation Commissioner Thea Coburn forewarned the board that unanticipated problems

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can only be completed by the highway superintendent. Spoonberg is scheduled to resign April 9 but is taking vacation time in March.

According to Burke, once the resignation becomes effective, a temporary superintendent can oversee both water and highway departments for one year. Because of the organization of the water department, it will be necessary to appear before town meeting within a year to approve a permanent position.

Selectmen and water department commissioners agreed that the overseeing of both highway and water departments by an acting superintendent would be on a one year trial basis.

The boards also agreed that there would not be a pooling of manpower and would be the case in a DPW reorganization, and therefore, the name DPW does not apply.

Supporters of the plan felt a definite financial savings would be realized by combining the two superintendent jobs and plan to discuss, in executive session, how Seibert would be compensated for the added responsibility. A job description for the dual position will also be drafted. The water department already has specific qualifications and duties for its superintendent but the highway department has none.

Bring It To The Town Meeting

Mrs. Brown, while in agreement with the proposal, favors bringing the reorganization plans before this year's annual town meeting for a decision. Viel retorted, "the people who elected us have delegated to us the responsibility of making decisions."

Selectmen will meet with Burke in the near future to discuss problems existing on the board. The meeting will be open to the public.

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with maintenance of equipment may bring a request for additional funds in the near future. She stated that assistance from the Highway Department has helped reduce cost of maintenance this year.

The board approved the request of First Selectman Earl Waterman for a transfer of \$3,523 from the contingencies fund to the water main account. Waterman said the increase in rates was not anticipated in last year's budget.

Police Commission Discusses Manpower



POLICE COMMISSIONERS MET WEDNESDAY NIGHT to discuss the addition of two lieutenants to the force. From left: First Selectman Earl Waterman, Gerry Callahan, commissioner secretary; commissioner John Mannix and James Dineen, and police Lt. Bob Williams discuss the important issue. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

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AMES SALESWOMAN Maureen Tylenda, Chairman of the Board Herbert Gilman, Store Manager Roland Sheaff, District Manager Dave Levine, Southwick Selectwoman Vivian Brown, Saleswoman Jo Carol Grosse, and Selectmen Chairman John Viel were all on hand for the Grand Opening festivities at Southwick's new Ames Department Store. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Ames Opens New Southwick Store

By Valeria Melloni

Thursday, February 11, marked the Grand Opening of Ames Department Store in Southwick, located on the corner of Route 202 and Vining Hill Road.

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held at 9:30 a.m. where store manager Roland Sheaff presented Southwick Fire Chief Melbert Johnson with a donation of \$50.00 to the Ambulance and Rescue Fund. Johnson said, "The donation will help to equip the new ambulance we are about the purchase."

Board of Selectman Chairman John Viel presented Sheaff with a "key to the town," making him an honorary citizen. When asked the importance of the new Ames to Southwick, Viel replied, "Southwick needed a major anchor store such as Ames. We now have something to look forward to concerning expansion in this area. I am optimistic that more stores will be added to form a shopping center."

Every attempt was made by the Ames' staff to assist the shopper. Clerks were easily identified by their bright red smocks, and clear red and white name tags. Extra cashiers were available to handle the large grand opening crowd.

The Southwick Ames presently employs 65 local people and will serve the surrounding communities of Granville, Granby, Suffield, Feeding Hills and the hilltowns.

Dave Levine, district manager of the Ames chain, said, "Extensive research is conducted before choosing a site for a new store."

"The company felt there was potential in Southwick because the area has a great need for a department store," he said.

"This Ames store represents the new Ames look for the 1980's," added Sheaff as he pointed out new color schemes, modern valance lighting, and the latest in bright wall fixtures.

"We are carrying more brand name items than ever before, such as "Wrangler and Lee" jeans, sport shoes such as "Adidas," "Nike," and "Jordache." In the childrens' department, "Dr. Denton's" clothing is found.

Sheaff noted that the Southwick store is the 114th store in the Ames chain.

Sherri Johnson, a Southwick resident of 26 years, backs up the officials' claims that "Southwick definitely needed a department store."

"I am pleased to see more brand names and a wider selection being carried," she said. "Being a mother of two boys, I am especially pleased to have a store that carries toys nearby."

With ample parking and an easy refund and check cashing policy, shopping at Ames should prove to be a pleasant experience. The store (32,400 square feet) will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

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Southwick Boards Meet To Discuss "Fence Mending"

By Andi Phelps

In an effort to improve relations and "get back on the track for the benefit of the town," the Board of Selectmen met with Board of Health members Wednesday to iron out difficulties over Finance Committee's refusal to fund \$300 for a professional inspector, requested by the health board.

Health Board Chairman Leo Sagan plans to include the request in his annual budget. Sagan said it was important for his board to have access to funds in an emergency situation. Sagan contends that the health board should not have to appear before the finance committee whenever it requires funds.

Selectman Russell Fox explained to Sagan that emergency funds had been cut from other departments' budgets in an effort to keep within the budget cap required by Proposition 2 1/2. Such funds are included in the finance committee's surplus account and in a specific emergency situation a board can petition the finance committee for funds.

In the event of a health emergency, Sagan stressed the importance of having funds available. Sagan noted that the jurisdiction of his committee includes drinking, water and food services for the entire town along with other health-related problems that may occur.

Funds for a professional inspector have been included in past budgets but were cut last spring because the board felt it could perform its duties without assistance.

The board has been plagued by resignations since that time and Sagan has served as the sole member of the board for several months. He said he has neither the knowledge nor the time to handle all the necessary work. Sagan added that there is only one state health official west of Worcester who is available to assist health boards in the area. He said the state official limited to the amount of time and service he can give to local boards.

Health officials urged selectmen to consider priorities when discussing health department problems and finances. According to state officials, the health board is granted a wide range of authority and responsibilities and needs support from other town agencies.

In turn, selectmen asked the health board to discuss town-wide priorities when seeking funds. Fox said, "Our finance committee is conservative," adding finance committee members would not consider a block grant or retainer request. He said specific use of the funds should be listed, especially mid-year requests.

Secretaries To Meet

The regular meeting of Springfield Chapter, Professional Secretaries International, will be held at the Colosseum on Memorial Avenue, West Springfield, on Wednesday, February 17th. Social hour will begin at 5:30, and dinner at 6:30.

Guest speaker Theresa Picard, R. N., community health educator at Mercy Hospital, will address the group on how to cope with stress.

Reservations should be made with Mrs. Hope MacRobbie, 11 Kennedy Drive, Hadley, MA 01035 by February 12th.

Norm & Dave's Butcher Shop Opens In Style

By Valeria Melloni

Southwick: Norm and Dave's Butcher Shop, located at 592 College Highway, celebrated its grand opening on February 2nd, offering shoppers a full service meat counter and delicatessen, in addition to a line of fresh produce, fruits, and dairy products. The store also carries Perdue and other Grade A poultry and prepares all of the fresh salads displayed in the deli section right on the premises.

Norm Clarke and Dave Morin, the new store's proprietors, are from Springfield. Prior to opening their own store, they both worked for Dave's father at "Morin's" in Chicopee.

Clarke, who has had 21 years of experience in the meat cutting business, says, "We only carry prime meats. Through my experience, I have found that people would rather pay a few cents more and get top quality meats instead of buying lower grade meats that may have to be thrown away."

These butchers sell food by the pound and in bulk, which makes it less expensive for the consumer.

Clarke feels that customers will immediately notice the freshness of his produce as compared to that found in larger grocery stores. "The difference is that our produce is hand-picked by Dave, who makes a daily visit to the Avacado Street market in Springfield," he explains.

Freshly painted white walls, meat charts, neatly arranged produce, and a friendly attitude exhibited by co-owners Clarke and Morin all contribute in creating a pleasant atmosphere in which to shop.

"The people of Southwick have been very open and helpful," says Clarke, noting especially the friendliness of the owner of the Salmon Brook Restaurant next door, of Robinson Realty employees, and of workers in the town hall.

In six to eight weeks, Clarke plans to offer a seminar one night a week designed to show more economical ways of buying and preparing meats.

Norm and Dave's Butcher Shop is open Tuesday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; on Friday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and on Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Any Massachusetts person or group may view "Facing Inflation" at their local Cooperative Extension Service office. The program is divided into five segments, one for each inflation issue.



DAVE MORIN, co-owner of Norm & Dave's Butcher Shop, 592 College Highway, examines fresh produce which he hand-picks daily at the Avacado Street Market. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.



NORM & DAVE'S BUTCHER SHOP INC., 592 College Highway in Southwick, is owned and operated by Norman Clarke, meat manager, and David Morin, produce manager. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

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The program will be held on Tuesday, February 16th, at 7:30 p.m. at the library. For more information, call 668-2326.

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Tues., Feb. 16: Free blood pressure clinic, 1:30; Emergency Aid Bldg.; Rotary, 6 p.m., Suffield Inn; Troop 260, 7 p.m., St. Joseph's hall; Apollo Lodge, 7:30; Conservation Comm., 7:30, Town Hall; 'Energy Saving Coverlets,' 7:30, Library, free; Second Baptist Women's Guild, 7:30, Fellowship Hall; Board of Education, 8 p.m., McAlister School.

Wed., Feb. 17: Thrift Shop open 10-3:30; Vacation movie 'Pippi in the South Seas,' 1:30, library, free

Thurs., Feb. 18: Advisory Council on Capital Expenditures, 7:30, Town Hall; Holy Name Soc. Bingo, 7:30, St. Joseph's hall.

Sun., Feb. 21: Library open 1-4:30 p.m.

Women's Club Plans Arts & Crafts Show

Suffield: The Suffield Women's Club will hold its Arts and Crafts Show on Tuesday, March 9th, at the Second Baptist Church on Main Street.

Crafts may be viewed from 11 a.m. to noon. Tea and sandwiches will be served from 12 to 12:30 and followed by a meeting from 12:30 to 1 o'clock. The program will take place from 1 to 2 o'clock, and tea and dessert will follow from 2 to 2:30.

Jean Armata and Phyllis Hofmann are co-chairmen of the Silver Tea, and Peggy Supple will serve as this year's Arts and Crafts Show chairman.

To be eligible for awards in the show, entrants must be club members, although non-members may display their work at the show. Entries submitted for judging must be turned in on Monday, March 8th, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the church.

This year, a fashion sewing category will be offered, and members interested in this competition should call Peggy Supple for special instructions.

The show will be held in conjunction with a program entitled "Taiwan As I Observe It" by Daniel McLaughlin, president of Asnuntuck Community College.

First place winners in the show will be eligible to enter the District I show in April.

Federated Garden Clubs Slate Flower Show

Suffield: "Visions of Spring" flower show will be held at the Hartford Civic Center February 25-28 under the direction of the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut. Presenting this show for the public's viewing are Mrs. Charles Donahy of Suffield; Mrs. Hugh Lena, state president; and Mrs. Harry Riebe, chairman.

On exhibit will be twelve classes of artistic design, forty-one horticultural classes, and special and educational exhibits.

The show will open at 4 p.m. on February 25th and continue on February 26th from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; on February 27th from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and on February 28th from noon to 6 p.m.

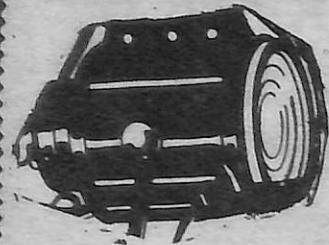
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 Tues., Feb. 16: Baked meat lasagna, green beans, cucumber salad, rye bread, canned pears, milk
 Wed., Feb. 17: Beef vegetable stew, pineapple juice, tossed salad, roll, chocolate pudding, milk
 Thurs., Feb. 18: Chicken cacciatore, Spanish rice, sliced carrots, wheat bread, banana, milk
 Fri., Feb. 19: Baked haddock, boiled parsniled potato, buttered beets, rye bread, apple crisp, milk

Jigsaw puzzles are now set up for those wishing to work them while waiting for the bus, lunch, or whenever. A lending library is now organized at the center for a large selection of *Readers' Digest Condensed Books*.

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- 3) Bananas, berries, juices, baked apples, homemade soups, tender cooked vegetables - for vitamins and minerals.

SUFFIELD SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Suffield Chapter AARP will have a potluck lunch at Sacred Heart Hall on February 23rd at 12:30 p.m. Members whose names begin A-J are asked to bring a main dish, K-M dessert, and N-Z salads.

Slides of the proposed trip to the 1982 World's Fair in Tennessee will be shown. Townspeople are invited to join the trip and will be welcome at this program at about 2:30 to see the slides and hear details.

Medicare counseling will be offered in Suffield on February 18th at the local branch of Enfield Savings and Loan from 9:30 to 11:30 and on the same day and hours at the Windsor Locks Senior Citizens' Center.

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Cablevision Schedules First Meeting In Suffield

Continental Cablevision of Connecticut announced this week that it will conduct a community meeting on cable television in Suffield on February 17th at 7:30 p.m. in the Kent Memorial Library.

This company is an applicant for the cable television franchise in the north central Connecticut area. Similar meetings to the one scheduled for Suffield will also be held in Somers and at Asnuntuck Community College.

Continental Cablevision is the largest New England-based cable company with systems providing service to some 35 communities in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine. The company serves 450,000 subscribers in ten states, making it the 12th largest cable company in the United States.

Continental was recently awarded the Springfield, Massachusetts, franchise.

Rice Appointed VP At Suffield Savings

Suffield Savings Bank recently announced the appointment of Rogers J. Rice as vice president, commercial loans. His new position follows his post at Northern Connecticut National Bank as vice president, loan officer. He was also previously assistant vice president, commercial loans, at Old Colony Bank.

In this newly created position at Suffield Savings, Rice will handle commercial loans, commercial mortgages, small business administration loans, and other business loans.

Rice, a resident of Broad Brook, Connecticut, is married and has nine children. He is a graduate of Colgate University and served in the U.S. Naval Reserve as lieutenant commander.

Topic: Garden Bees



SUFFIELD WOMEN'S CLUB members were guests of the Suffield Garden Club for a lecture given by Frank Lagrant, past president of the Worcester County Bee-Keepers Association, who is now president of the Hampshire County Bee-Keepers Association. Photo by John Loftus.

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Southwick Scouts Host Honors Banquet

By Valeria Melloni

Southwick: Monday, February 8th, local cub scouts held their annual Blue and Gold Banquet at the American Legion Post 338. Thirty-eight cubs along with their parents and siblings attended.

Following a ziti and meatball dinner, Cubmaster John Arnold made the annual presentations. Albert Williams received a plaque in gratitude for his hard work, and the cubs presented a plaque to the American Legion Post for their generosity in allowing them to use the hall for their monthly meetings and on special occasions.

A plaque which read "In appreciation for devoted and untiring work from Pack 118" was presented to Patricia Odiorne, who has served as a den mother for six years. She has also been treasurer of the pack and has participated in many of the cubs' activities.

Ms. Odiorne enjoys her active involvement in scouting because the Cub Scout program teaches boys to get along with each other and with other members of their families. "A lot of the scout projects involve the help of family members, and this tends to strengthen the family-unit as a whole," she explains.

Six cubs received "Webelos" badges, which is the first step in becoming a boy scout. Attaining Webelos status were Danny Wojcek, Steven Meyers, Brian Drenan, John Davis, Jeremy Bigelow, and Jeff Avonti.

Brian Drenan also earned his Forester pin; John Davis, his Showman pin; Jeremy Bigelow, his Aquanaut pin; and Jeff Avonti, his Athletic and Scholarship pins.

After the award presentations, Hosaga Indians from Springfield College performed for the scouts. Professor Holstead, their leader, gave a brief history of their group, and five dancers demonstrated several ritual dances.

Pack committee chairman Nancy Franklin says, "Cub scouting teaches boys strong moral values. Through scouting, boys learn discipline and respect for the flag and for their leaders."

Cub scout sign-ups are held each fall, and anyone interested may call Ms. Franklin at 569-5248.

Flags Honor Death Of Harold Hamberg

Southwick: Flags here were flown at half staff Tuesday and Wednesday in honor of former selectman Harold H. Hamberg. Hamberg, 88, of 72 Mort Vining Road, died Monday, February 8, at home.

A retired dairy farmer, he served on the Board of Selectmen from 1947 to 1956. He was also a member of the Board of Assessors for 12 years and the Planning Board for three years. He was a member of Christ Church United Methodist.

He leaves a wife, the former Elsie L. Anderson; two sons, Douglas H. and Donald A.; and a daughter, Carolina L. Jones, all of Southwick; 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Burial will be in New Cemetery in the spring. Donations may be made to the church.

YMCA To Sponsor Trip

If your plans for February school vacation are still not finalized, the YMCA still has a few spots open on its annual Florida Vacation Trip, according to Rena McGrevy of the Springfield YMCA.

The nine-day excursion will leave the "Y" on Saturday, February 13th, and return the following Sunday. While in Florida, visits to Disney World (2 days), Sea World, Wet n'Wild, and Daytona Beach will provide a full and active week-long program.

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The trip will be open to boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 17, supervised by staff members from several YMCA's, as well as to families. Call 739-6951 for more information.

Community Scrapbook

By Claudia Scott

1982 Heart Princess: Kari Davis

Our Valentine Scrapbook is dedicated to a Heart Princess: Kathryn (Kari) Davis, who is one of the busiest six-year-olds around.

As the 1981-82 American Heart Association's (Western Mass. Chapter) heart princess, Kari has been making appearances at public events, on television, and in newspaper interviews. She is a little girl who has been thrust into the limelight because she represents the hope that medical research can give to people who have heart disorders.

Kari was born with a malformed heart valve and required three major operations at Children's Hospital in Boston last spring. The result is a healthy child who can continue to enjoy all types of physical and recreational activities.

At her home on Fred Jackson Road, Southwick, Kari talked about her school, her friends, her pets and some of the things she likes best. A kindergartener, Kari was cutting out snowflake designs as she mentioned Monica Fox and Jeremy Perusse, two of her favorite classmates.

Kari has many pets. In addition to Sable, a dog, and Midi, a cat, there are three goats, some hens, and a rooster. Besides taking care of them, she "sometimes clears the table, dusts the living room, and makes the bed," she claims. For relaxation from her chores, she likes to watch the television show "Fame."

Music is a major part of Kari's life. She is a student at Betty Champion's Dance School, where she takes lessons in tap, jazz, and acrobatics. As the youngest cast member, she sang and danced in a local production of "The Sound of Music."

Kari has developed her artistic interests from her parents, Pat and Galen. Both are actively involved in local theater groups. Kari's brother John has done many commercials for national firms and is a back-up singer on a newly released album called "Songsmith."

Kari will reign over the Heart Ball slated for next Saturday at Chez Josef in Agawam. She will once again don her crown and banner to receive recognition for symbolizing the success of modern medical science. The chairman of the Heart Association's campaign, Jack Devine, is a very good friend of Kari's.

She giggles about the mock birthday party for her that she and her "Grandfather Jack" attended at Channel 22, complete with cake. The party was filmed as a commercial for the Heart Association featuring the Davis family.

Now that Kari no longer faces any more operations, she is going on with her life like any other six-year-old child. Her normality is evident when she declares her greatest wish: "I would like all of the Strawberry Shortcake toys in the world!"

Sunday, February 14th, is Heart Sunday. When you are asked to help, think of children like Kari who would not be healthy if it were not for the research that your contribution promotes. Such a donation is a terrific Valentine to give.



KARI DAVIS, kindergarten student in Southwick and this year's "Heart Princess," is able to kick up her heels and participate in all regular activities at Woodland School - thanks to medical research and two successful heart operations. We urge area residents to give generously to door-to-door Heart Association volunteers. Canvassing begins Sunday, February 14th. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

"Kamp For Kids" Organizing Fund Drive

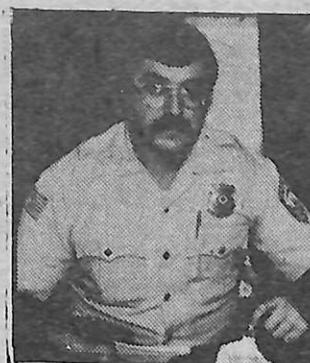
"Kamp For Kids" is in the process of organizing an emergency fund drive to support our valuable services in the Greater Springfield/Westfield community area.

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CRIME PREVENTION

By Bob Grimaldi
Southwick Crime Prevention Officer

Beware: False Collections!

It has come to our attention that, on several occasions, people in our town and in surrounding communities have been victimized by individuals collecting for numerous activities falsely; i.e. Southwick Rec Center, Heart Fund, Jimmy Fund, etc.

The policy in our community is to have each and every person engaged in this type of activity register with the Police Department prior to any solicitation.

If someone comes to your door for the purpose of collecting, and you have the slightest inclination to doubt their honesty, please contact us. We should have a record of them, or we'll be out to your home shortly to check them out.

This advice applies especially to our two homes for the elderly, Depot Court and Ahrend Circle. We do not encourage soliciting there nor do we tolerate any type of coercion sometimes related to solicitation.

We would encourage anyone to notify us if they are in any way subjected to high pressure sales.

3 Southwick Bartenders Vie For "UGLY" Award

Three Southwick bartenders began competing in Massachusetts' first "Ugliest Bartender Contest" on February 10 to benefit the fight against MS - Multiple Sclerosis.

Donna of the Southwick Inn on College Highway, Norm of the American Legion Post 338 on Powder Mill Road, and Ray of the Lakeview Inn on Lakeview Street, have four weeks to campaign for the coveted title "UGLIES BARTENDER IN MASSACHUSETTS."

Bar and restaurant patrons will cast ballots by making 25 cent contributions to MS through their competing bartenders. The tender garnering the most UGLY votes in this region will win a fabulous weekend vacation and a chance for the statewide grand prize, a trip for two to the Bahamas. Throughout the contest the bartenders will receive t-shirts, cameras and other incentive prizes.

The unique contest is expected to raise thousands of dollars to support research into the cause of MS, a baffling neurological disorder which preys on young adults. Funds raised are also used to provide services to those in the Southwick area already afflicted.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Southwick High Student Council Holds Carnival

By Marsha Ramah

Southwick: Last week, the Student Council at Southwick High School sponsored its traditional Winter Carnival/School Spirit Week planned to boost student enthusiasm and to raise badly needed funds.

Although the high school had to be closed for two days due to inclement weather, major events went on as scheduled. Students participated in two contests designed to generate unity among classmates in the spirit of competition.

Though Mother Nature cooperated by supplying plenty of snow for the snow sculpture contest, the icy surface made sculpting difficult. Complying with the central theme of "Peanuts," the freshman class won with their creation of Snoopy resting on his doghouse..

Working indoors, the junior class won the poster contest with their depiction of Snoopy as "Joe Cool."

A pep rally on Friday honoring school sports in general preceded the basketball victory over Palmer and a sock hop featuring the rock band Eden.

Chosen king and queen for their school spirit and participation were seniors Mary Crow and Todd Breton, juniors Karen Friss and David DeRay, sophomores Beth Goslee and Doug Pepe, and freshmen Maryann Marceno and Ken Ramey.

At the pancake breakfast held on Saturday, Student Council members demonstrated their cooking expertise. Flapjack lover John Reed ate enough pancakes to win that contest easily.

A hootenanny featuring the talents of students and alumni culminated the week of activities. Sherri Carpenter, co-chairman of this event, stated that her committee has already received many compliments on the Saturday night performance.

The audience also enjoyed the singing of two recent graduates, Danny Kirk and Greg Carpenter. Skits performed by students added a touch of humor to the already delightful program.

Proceeds from Spirit Week will aid in financing the "Up With People" show. According to Student Council President Todd Breton, the troupe, comprised of young adults who travel the world entertaining, came to Southwick to perform five years ago, and "everyone" is anxiously awaiting their return.

To arrange such a program, which includes seeking living accommodations in private homes for members of the group, requires much planning and money. The Winter Carnival activities were just the beginning of the many projects planned to reach this goal.



THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST, sponsored by the Southwick High School Student Council during the recent "Spirit Week," was a major success. Seen here are seniors Faith Wolfe, secretary of the Student Council, and Lynne Billings, co-chairperson of affairs. Photo by John Loftus.

McAlister Winners Of Geography Fair Announced

Suffield: Anthony Kula, principal of McAlister Middle School, has announced the winners of the school's annual Geography Fair, which took place at the school on February 4th.

Awards were judged on the basis of students' written reports, posters, and three-dimensional projects.

Winners in the **Group State Projects** were as follows: first place: Ann Newman, Kristen Montgomery, and Natalie Hoar; second place: Christine Alaimo, Amy Davis, Colleen Potemski, and Karen Parsons; honorable mention: Gary Colson, Todd Arciszewski, and Gregg Waterman for West Virginia; Charissa Fabi, Jennifer Stafford, and Amy Hixon for Louisiana; and Michael Sullivan, Aaron Freyler, and Paul Murphy for Wisconsin.

Outstanding **Individual State Projects** came from Ann Newman, Rodney Sherman, Erin Magnuson, Carrie Permatteo, Ajay Charman, Kim White, and Debbie Mancini.

Honorable mention for Individual State projects went to Carolyn Dixon, Jennifer Stafford, Michael Whitney, Debby Banks, Ricky Miner, Suzanne Gale, and Karen Parsons.

Outstanding **Written Reports** were turned in by Robb Macdonald, Chipper Schulte, Christine Alaimo, and Kristen Montgomery.

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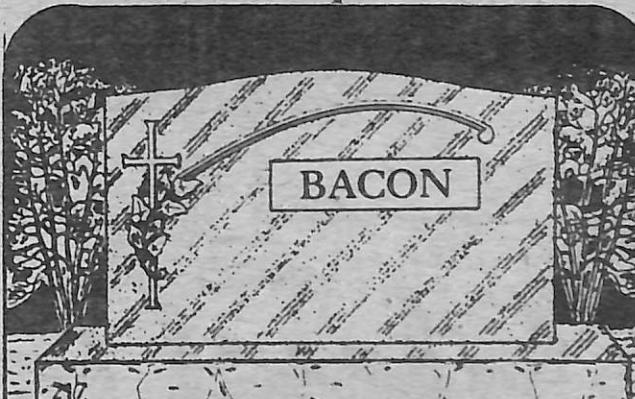
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David Pinard, Bruce Lambert and Bob Alberti try to create snow sculpture from ice-covered snow on Saturday to wind up a week of activities for the annual Spirit Week. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.



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SECOND PLACE WINNERS IN THE MCALISTER SCHOOL'S recent talent show were 7th graders Amy Davis and Terry Stearns, who sang a duet of "Tomorrow" from the musical "Annie." Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

McAlister Students Host Talent Show

By Connie Davis

Suffield: McAlister Middle School's student council sponsored its annual talent show for an audience of about 350 at the high school last Wednesday. Competition was keen with a variety of presentations displaying the talent possessed by students in the school.

Judges for the show were John Lazich, local piano teacher; Dr. Robert Connolly, foreign language department teacher; and Dorothy Staszko, guidance counselor.

Copping first prize was Marc Schmidt, who sang the ballad "Stairway to Heaven" and played his electric guitar.

Second prize went to Amy Davis and Terry Stearns who sang "Tomorrow," the hit song from the Broadway play *Annie*. Third prize was awarded to Kristin Kling and Keith Wilde for their duet "I'd Do Anything" from the musical *Oliver*.

Entertainment ranged from Scott Monte's accordian solo to Gary Heyse's rhythmic piano number. Announcers Heidi Newton and Darcy Case took special pride in announcing eighth-grade classmates Kristen Chamberlain, Suzy Egolf, Shannon Hopkins, Melissa Schwalbach, and Kristin Kling as "The GoGo's" who did a rock routine.

Kathy Calder chose the popular Muppet song "Rainbow Connection" for her flute solo, and "Double Dutch," proved to be a fast, rope-jumping number done with style by Annette Gaynor, Patricia Rodney, Yvette Deramus, Cheryl Sharp, and Latonya Lindsay.

With so much talent evident at McAlister, it's no wonder the talent show has become an annual event.

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Rec Center News

by Cindy Meaney-Massai

The Southwick Rec Center is a non-profit organization that provides sports activities for the youth of Southwick. The unique aspect of the Southwick Rec Center is that it does not depend upon state or town funding. It is run entirely upon donations, fundraising, and fees charged for participation in its various sports programs.

The biggest fundraising contributor to the Rec Center is its bingo game. Rec Center bingo is played every Wednesday night beginning at 7:15. A new bingo format began in January and bigger and better door prizes are being given out. The support given to the Rec Center by the faithful bingo players is very much appreciated.

The Rec Center has plans to provide more than just sports activities to the youth of Southwick. Some of the ideas being worked on include Sunday afternoon movies, youth dances, and an art contest.

The winter sports activity at the Rec Center is basketball. There are four boys' basketball teams comprised of sixth, seventh, and eighth graders. An instructional program on basketball for fourth and fifth graders is also in progress. An instructional basketball program for girls in fifth through eighth grades is also underway.

The boys' basketball league has rolled into high gear with games in the sixth, seventh, and eighth grade league. The Hawks, paced by eleven points a piece from Bill Richards and Kevin Zomek, defeated the Kings, despite thirteen points canned by Bill Lis.

In the second game, Mark Tyrowicz' 27 points paced the Sixers over the Celtics. Todd Cook was the top Celtics' scorer with 12.

The Rec Center is now preparing itself for the upcoming summer program. Uniforms are now being ordered so they will be here before the season starts. The Southwick Rec Center welcomes any ideas or suggestions that townspeople would like to contribute. Call the Rec Center at 569-5950 or call 569-5811 for more information.

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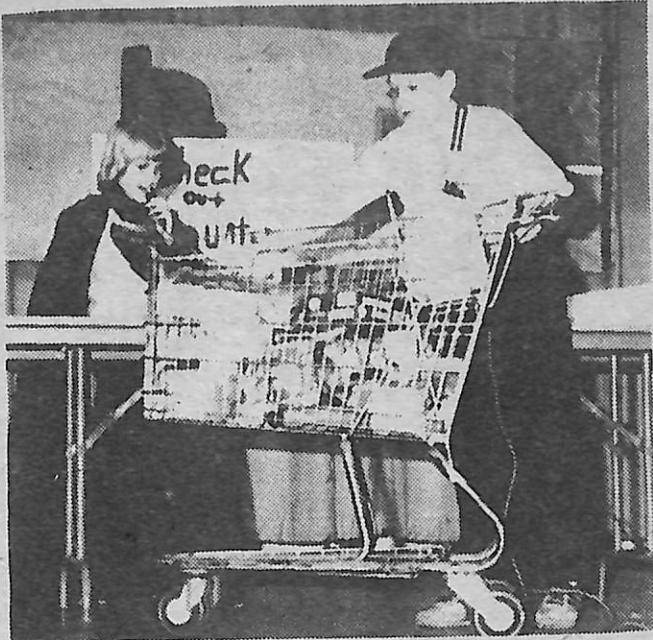
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JIMMY PHILLIPON (with cape) explains the "check-out counter" to young "shopper" Kevin Bellmore at Spaulding School Nutrition Show. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

Spaulding School Presents Second Nutrition Dinner

By Connie Davis

Suffield: The fifth grade "Dragon Team" at Spaulding School presented the second annual Nutrition Dinner on Wednesday, February 10th. Students planned the meal and entertainment as a culmination of nutrition and drug education units.

The Dragon Team includes students in the classes of Carol Fricke, Gale Lynch, and Richard Foley.

Following the meal, which was prepared by each family at home and brought in to be shared, a film on alcoholism entitled "Soft as the Heart of a Child" was shown.

Skits presented by children from the classes included "Mr. Supermarket," a play in which the star resembled Superman and explained to shoppers how grocery stores operate.

Miss Heartfelt, Guy Wise, Ciggy Rett, Charlie Cholesterol, and Polly Unsaturated Fat starred in "The Magnificent Pump," a melodrama about heart disease.

"Huff and Puff" was a puppet show featuring a wolf who just couldn't blow down the pigs' house because he smoked too much.

Walking and talking "fruit" paraded onstage as Mrs. Jones tried to decide which fruits to purchase in the skit entitled "Apples, Oranges, and Strawberries."

Lively commercials, a food-facts quiz, and nutrition jokes rounded out the program enjoyed by all.



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Laughing Brook Activities

The last in the series of Audubon Wildlife Films will be shown on Saturday, February 13th, at 8 p.m. at Duggan Jr. High School on Wilbraham Road, Springfield. Wildlife cinematographer Tom Diez will personally narrate two of his recent films: "African Adventures" and "Adventures in the American West."

This event is open to the public with an admission fee of \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for students. Doors open 45 minutes prior to the film.

Laughing Brook is offering various activities for children and families during school vacation week. Everyday at 10:30 a.m. some of these events will take place.

On Monday and Wednesday, story readings are scheduled; on Tuesday, animal caretaker Doug Kimball will introduce some live animals; on Thursday, naturalist Tom Tynning will take participants on a woodland hike; and on Friday, Recycle for Children of Wilbraham will help children and parents make fun toys for giftgiving and keeping.

Space is limited on some programs and pre-registration is recommended for all.

Laughing Brook is offering an adult education course entitled "Natural History of Native Trees" beginning Wednesday, February 17th, at 7 p.m. It will be taught by botanist and woodsman Joe Choiniere and will stress identifying trees in winter, and recognizing their heat and timber value.

The course is field-oriented and will meet one evening and two Sunday afternoons, February 21st and 28th. A registration fee will be charged and reservations are requested.

WSC To Hold Athletic Workshop

A workshop designed for coaches and athletes interested in exploring the crucial impact of mental preparation upon sports competition will be offered at Westfield State College on Tuesday, February 16 from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

The workshop, entitled "Mental Preparation for Athletes," will be led by Gerald Gravel, assistant professor of Physical Education and track coach at Westfield State. Gravel will draw from his experiences and expertise when leading discussions on motivation and its importance in sports, and visualization and mental rehearsal.

Professor Gravel's teams have won six conference titles and one All-New England title in the past eight years. He has coached 50 national qualifiers and six All-Americans.

Other topics to be explored include: how to improve performance through goal setting; how realistic goals facilitate success; how understanding the role of the subconscious aids in imagining future performance; how visualization and goal-setting are partners in preparing mentally for sports activity; and how verbal cues can be used as a reinforcement.

This especially developed seminar will help athletes achieve peak potential in both team and individual sports, a spokesman for Westfield State said.

Additional information on the "Mental Preparation for Athletes" workshop can be obtained by calling 568-3311, extension 230.

Advance registration may be done over the phone by calling the Office of Economic Development at Westfield State.

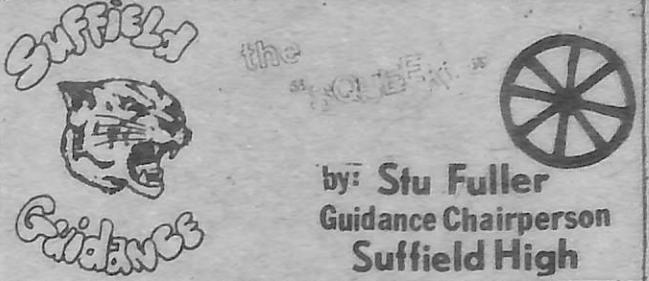
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by: Stu Fuller
Guidance Chairperson
Suffield High

On behalf of the students and staff of Suffield High School and McAlister Middle School, the guidance staff would like to take this opportunity to convey our deepest sympathy to the families of Jackie Stafford, Richard Doiron, and Marvin Miller.

We, too, will miss them.

Parents Without Partners Slates Activities

Parents Without Partners will work in conjunction with the American Red Cross to donate blood at the Donors Center at Baystate Medical Center, 63 Springfield Street, Springfield, on Saturday, February 13th, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The public is invited to participate in this community service under the directorship of Gerry Celetti.

PWP will hold an orientation for prospective members at the Rodeway Inn, exit 6 of the Mass. Turnpike, Chicopee, on Monday, February 15th at 7 p.m. sharp. A general membership meeting will follow the orientation at 8 p.m.

The group's regular Monday night record hop will follow the meeting, but is not open to the public.

An orientation for prospective members has also been scheduled at Faith Church, corner of Sumer Avenue and Fort Pleasant Street, Springfield, on Tuesday, February 23 at 8 p.m.

Individuals may learn about the organization and its activities at this time.



Views From The Volunteers

By Lt. Ed Pepe
Southwick Fire Dept.

The Kitchen Stove Story

This week, I would like to relate an experience that happened in my own home.

One afternoon while my wife was cleaning the house as wives do, the kitchen stove started all by itself. The oven element came on and heated up to the highest temperature it could.

My wife first noticed this when the smoke detector sounded off. She tried to shut the stove off, but since the controls were already in the off position, she had to shut off the circuit breaker in the cellar.

There are two lessons to be learned from this experience: one is the importance of smoke detectors and the other is the importance of knowing how to turn off the power when necessary.

It is very important that all older members of the family know how to turn off power and handle emergencies. Many times older children are left to watch younger ones while Mom and Dad go shopping. If a problem arises, can your son or daughter handle it? Sure, they can call the Fire Department, but can they help reduce the danger to the little ones while waiting for us to arrive?

The only way they can learn and you can be sure they know is if you spend the time to show them. Why not this weekend???



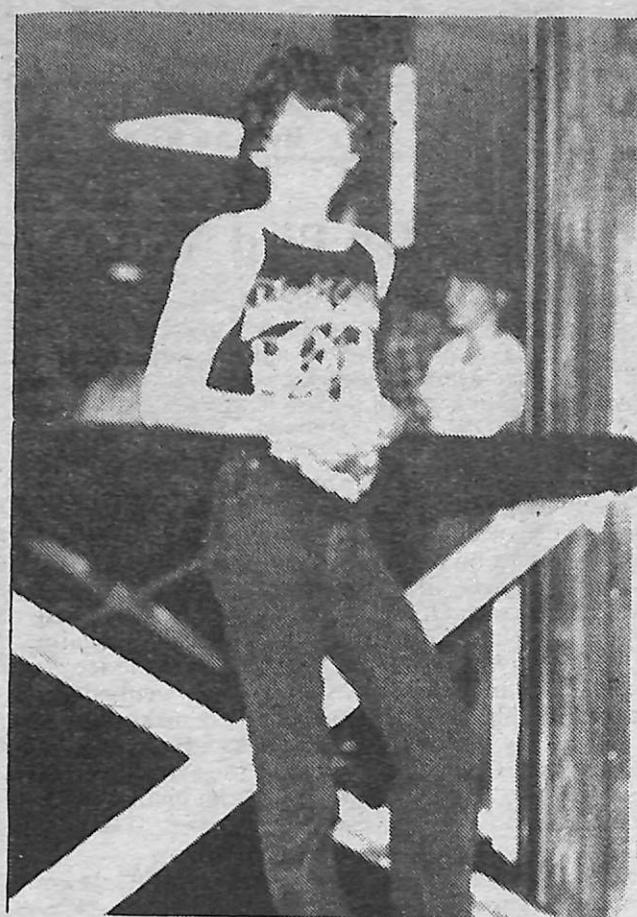
In Memorium...



Jackie Stafford



Richard Doiron



Marvin Miller

By Connie Davis

[Editor's Note: The following article is a tribute to the memory of three Suffield young people - Jacqueline Stafford, Richard Doiron, and Marvin Miller - who lost their lives in a tragic automobile accident in Suffield last weekend.]

Jackie Stafford, a seventeen-year-old senior at Suffield High School, is remembered by teacher Jeff Gowdy as most often happy and smiling, a friend who always stopped by to say "hello." He describes her as one of the Three Musketeers. "You seldom saw Jackie without Kelly Borchers and Lynn Markwell," he relates. The three girls served as coaches for YMCA softball teams.

Larry Katulka, another favorite teacher of Jackie's, will always remember her honesty, coupled with her fine sense of humor.

Jackie's guidance counselor, Jean Anderson, notes that Jackie had been accepted into the legal secretarial program at Bay Path Junior College and had been helping her father several hours a week as a dental assistant.

Jackie was an active participant in musicals at the high school. In her sophomore year, she represented her class on the Student Council, and in her junior year, served on the Prom Committee and played on the field hockey team. This year, she worked on the magazine sale and the Senior Snowball.

Ms. Anderson relates that a favorite expression of Jackie's was "I love it!" Jackie's happy, smiling face and love of life will remain very much in the memory of those who cared about her deeply.

Richard Doiron, a freshman at Suffield High School, especially enjoyed his shop class. Teacher Louis Wanat said that no matter what he gave him to do, Richard liked doing it. The half year 'search' course Richard recently completed encompassed all aspects of industrial arts. According to Wanat, Richard did very well.

At McAlister Middle School, where Richard spent his 6th, 7th, and 8th grade years, teacher Ronald Savoie recalls how Richard had helped out at the end-of-the-year picnic held for students and parents.

Ellen Watt, Richard's guidance counselor at McAlister, remembers him as friendly and always willing to help.

Physical education teacher Chuck Thompson describes how Richard enjoyed gym classes and liked to officiate in sports such as basketball.

Richard applied his skills from shop classes during one period every day when he helped custodian Stanley Lachtara, known as "Stash." Stash seems to speak for everyone when he says, "Richard was very helpful and I really miss him."

Marvin Miller was an eighth grade student at McAlister Middle School. Jeff Heinz, his guidance counselor, recalls that Marvin liked art, excelled in shop, and had enjoyed his one year in the chorus. He also liked to participate in intramural basketball games.

Heinz describes Marvin as good-natured and probably one of the best-liked, all-around kids in the eighth grade.

The mood at McAlister during this past week has been very sad as everyone senses the loss of this likable young boy.

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Family Nature Lore

By Kay Kudlinski

A Word On Bird Nests

February is the perfect month for hunting birds' nests. That awful January cold has broken, the last of the leaves have blown down, and none of the nests will be needed again. Insects that live in the nests are dead. And what a grand excuse to get out and enjoy the winter woods!

Bird nests are not homes for the birds; just cradles. Some of them cannot be collected because of how they are made. For instance, grebes build floating platform nests on pondwater. They are under the ice by now. Kingfishers dig long tunnels in muddy stream banks much like the woodpecker's chiseling holes deep into healthy trees. Emperor penguins can't find anything to build a nest with on the ice, so they hold their eggs snugly between their webbed feet and a warm flap of belly skin. Killdeers make no nest at all, but lay their rock-colored eggs among pebbles on the ground. Fairy terns must be the world's champion jugglers, for they lay their eggs, sit on them, and hatch them on a bare branch of a tree!

Songbirds' nests are the easiest to collect. These are the small, cup-shaped nests common on tree branches, bushes and in low tangles of weeds. The larger hawks use their nests for several years, but you are unlikely to reach these huge, sloppy structures high in the tree tops. Eagles sometimes use the same batch of eggs they lay in a summer. The average nest takes three days to build, using twigs and grasses from near the nest site. Another three days are spent gathering hair, feathers, fine mud, and other soft linings, often from miles away. Strange things have been found woven into nests: hairpins, bones, shed snake skins, and even gold eyeglass frames.

Take pruning shears and a bandana or soft cloth square when you go hunting. You can snip the nest free without pulling it apart in the process, and carry it home, hobo-style, cradled in the cloth. Note where

you found the nest and look for clues about its owners. If it looks ragged and unfinished, it may have only been a trial nest. Many birds start several nests to "try out" several sites before finally making up their minds.

You can find an interesting variety of nests in the Agawam area. Hard to spot, but a real prize, are hummingbird nests. They are no bigger than walnut shell halves and look like a knot on top of the branch. They are camouflaged with lichens without and lined with the softest plant down and spider webbing. Robin's nests are lined with beakful after beakful of mud. Oriole's hanging nests take almost two weeks to weave securely to the tips of branches. Goldfinch's nests are so tightly woven that the grass, moss, and thistledown cradles are watertight, and may become dangerous swimming pools for the young finches in a rainstorm.

If you want to keep the nests you've collected, you may wish to spray them with an aerosol acrylic varnish or hair spray. This helps them to stick together and gives them a "fresh" look. Store them with a mothball in shoeboxes, or mount them on boards or shelves like this:



If you are curious about what birds use in nestbuilding, pull a few apart: you may find some surprises! How many twigs and strings are in a nest? How many trips must the birds have made to carry them in their beaks? Imagine weaving so well with no hands to use, only beak, feet, and body to push things in place.

Start saving yarn or string scraps now to offer the birds this spring. In just two months, they'll welcome soft lining materials you drape over twigs in your yard. And perhaps you can find nests made of your yarns deep in the woods, next winter!

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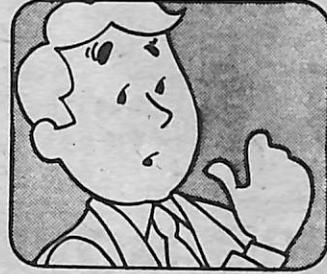
a birdwatching and coastal ecology bus trip to Plymouth on Saturday, February 20. The bus leaves Laughing Brook at 6:30 am and returns at

6:30 pm.

Area naturalists, including Seith Kellogg of Southwick, Helen Bates of Springfield and Rudolph Stone of Holyoke are the leaders.

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Words For A Friend & Lover

By Jeanne Hofmann

Valentine's Day is a traditional time to express loving feelings. Sometimes those feelings aren't easy to express. The words might be ready when the timing is wrong, or the time is right and the words don't come easily. As far back as history goes, friends and lovers have looked to the poets for inspiration.

The Romans relied upon the poet Ovid, who said, "Love must be fostered with soft words." One of his contemporaries added this thought, "Spice a dish with love and it will please every palate."

All through time, fond friendly thoughts have been recorded by the wise and witty, preserved for us to enjoy. The Englishman, Samuel Johnson, who wrote poetry, essays, and a dictionary in the 1700's, combined wit and sensibility in his observations of human nature. Here is just one of his thoughts: "Friendship, like love, is destroyed by long absence, though it may be increased by short intermissions."

While Johnson was entertaining the English with his wisdom, America was discovering another brilliant observer of human nature: Benjamin Franklin. He said, "If you would love, love and be lovable." He also advised, "Love your neighbor, but don't pull down your hedge."

Some expressions of feelings are so universally true that they come to us with no recorded author. Here is a bouquet of thoughts, all attributed to Anonymous: "Love rules without a sword, love binds without a cord...It would be a happier world if love were as easy to keep as it is to make...Love at first sight saves a lot of time and money...It's a good thing that love is blind; otherwise it would see too much...Half the fun of being in love is the worry of it...It is easier to love in spite of faults than because of virtues...Some people have a large circle of friends, while others have only friends they like...A true friend walks in when the rest of the world walks out...A true friend laughs at your stories even when they're not so good, and sympathizes with your troubles even when they're not so bad..."

Sometimes, words fail us altogether. "Saying it with flowers" is one way to overcome that problem. At one point in history, flowers were actually used for a secret language, with each flower having its own special meaning. During the reign of the Swedish King, Charles II, non-verbal messages to friends and lovers included these: Bleeding Hearts meant hopeless but not heartless...Gardenias expressed secret love...Roses symbolized passionate love...Lily of the Valley said "Let's make up"...Violets confessed, "I return your love"...and Iris promised that a letter was on the way.

We may not be so specific now but the florist business booms this season, as we rely upon the talents of Mother Nature to beautify our fond greetings to our favorite people. But it is still Human Nature that gives us the best gifts to share.

We shouldn't worry too much about finding the right present for someone special, or about finding the right words to convey our feelings. It's the feelings themselves that are most important. Isn't it fun sharing friendship and love? And does anything feel better than knowing we are appreciated for being ourselves

faults, virtues, and all? However we express them, kind words will be welcome this Valentine's Day. Remember - "Love has a thousand varied noted to move the human heart."

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SPORTS/RECREATION

Booster Club Sets "Wheelchair" Hoop

By Dawn Cummock

On Sunday, February 21, the Suffield High School Athletic Booster Club will be sponsoring a wheelchair basketball game between the Connecticut Spokebenders and the New York-New Jersey All-Stars at Suffield High School gymnasium at 1:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students, senior citizens, and children. Tickets are available at local businesses, banks, and schools, and the Suffield Recreation Department.

The Connecticut Spokebenders are one of two Connecticut teams who compete in the wheelchair basketball league. The Spokebenders are among the six teams which makes up the Northeastern Wheelchair Basketball Conference (a division of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association).

The team has gone undefeated in league play this season having won the Laser-McDonald Tournament in Canada in October 1980 for the second consecutive year. They were the 1981 undefeated league champions of the Northeast and advanced to the Eastern sectionals. At this time for the 1982 season, the team is undefeated.

Wheelchair basketball follows the rules of the NCAA with only a few minor exceptions. In order for an individual to be eligible to play wheelchair basketball, he must not be able to play able-bodied basketball due to physical impairment. All of the players on the team are either students or are employed full-time.

The proceeds will go towards the purchase of a new floor mat for the Suffield High girls' gymnastics team. We look forward to seeing you there!



MEMBERS OF THE SUFFIELD HIGH GYMNASTICS TEAM, who will receive the proceeds from the February 21 "Wheelchair" basketball game at the high school are, from left (back); Dawn Cummock, Kelly Drake, Linda Meberg, Debbie Hickey, Nicki Kosma, Audrey Lota, Meda Wilcox. (Middle row) Coach Becky Robinson, Jill Woodsworth, Cindy Heffron, Linnea Phillips, Tracy Benoit and coach Beth Wright. (Front); Lisa Coatti, Cindy Wills and Lynn Kolnsberg. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

Figure Eight Division Again Impressive At Riverside Speedway This Year

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Three year figure eight veterans expected to run strong in 1982 are Dick Bourbeau of Enfield, one of the only competitors running a Pontiac and young Jim Bryden of Springfield.

Two thrillers that never stop at the "X" are wacky George Russell of Manchester and Custer Axiots. Both have provided a unique style that keeps the fans on the edge of their seats for every pass of the X.

Veteran drivers and title holders expected to return are Luke Scanlon of Northampton and 1979 champion Leo Provost of Chicopee. Provost will be driving another Glen Roth Chevelle.

All time Figure 8 Champ Gary Orten of Enfield will be in his tenth season of racing and has over 35 career wins. Rookie drivers expected to be part of the program are second generation drivers such as Luke Scanlon III and Leo Provost Jr.

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Wildcats Hoopsters Mired In Slump

By Rick McCarty

The Suffield High Wildcats suffered two losses this week to force a must win situation over the remaining six games. The CIAC State Tournament stipulates that to be eligible for tourney play, a team must win eight contests during the regular season. Presently, Suffield is 3-11 and must win five of their last six games to qualify.

Facing Shoreline Conference powerhouse Coginchaug Regional High, the Wildcats were big underdogs. Yet with the the scoring and all-around outstanding play by senior captain David Simmons, Suffield stayed within a few points of the lead through the third period. However, in the fourth quarter, Coginchaug's senior Brad Smith took charge and never looked back enroute to a 44-29 victory.

With NCCC foe East Windsor, the Wildcats led throughout the second half but the fourth place Panthers came back to best the sixth place Wildcats, 50-47.

Coach Fran Aniello was pleased with the Wildcat effort despite the loss. "We came out and played our best game of the season. We hustled on offense and on defense yet still lost." Suffield was paced by 16 points by freshman guard Ted Lyon and 13 points from Simmons.

Over the remaining six games on the Wildcat schedule, are NCCC leading Ellington, third place East Granby, the Tolland Eagles, presently in fifth place, seventh place Somers, and the last place Granby Bears. Adding to this tough league line-up is the final game of the regular season played at Windsor Locks High against CVC contender Windsor Locks Raiders. The task does not look easy for Suffield but the team spirit is high and confident following some strong efforts.

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Wrestlers (Finally) Hit Winners Circle

By Chris Hout

The streak is finally over for the Southwick Rams wrestling team.

The streak, an eleven game losing skid, ended last Wednesday night with a 30-24 victory over West Springfield in high school wrestling action at Southwick. Southwick's record is now 1-11 on the season.

"It was a long time coming," said a joyous coach Bob Thompson following the first win of the season. "I knew we would have a tough time in Division I but I figured we would win long before this one. We wrestled very well tonight."

The Rams received pins from Doug Hale (157) and Eric Leavitt (169) in the victory. Hale's record is now 6-6 with six pins on the year. Leavitt's personal mark jumps to 7-4 with 6 pins.

Winning by decision was newcomer Matt McGann (147), and regulars Ron Crosler (140), and Dave Carmody (187). Dick Tingley (114) and Dan Cook (147) gained forfeit wins.

"It's been a tough season for us," said Thompson. "We should have won a few more meets along the way but what can you do? We have a real solid chance of beating Longmeadow next week and I think we'll close out the season on a winning note against Northampton."

The win over West Side was especially spiced for Thompson as he and West Side coach Leon Pavelica coached together at Westfield High School before landing their respective jobs.

"There is a friendly little rivalry between Leon and myself," said Thompson with a grin. "It feels good to beat him. But he'll have his cracks at us in the future."

On a note Southwick would rather forget, the always tough Tech Tigers used seven pins enroute to a 62-0 victory over the Rams at Southwick High. Tech is considered a powerhouse in Division I.



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Adult Volleyball Scorecard

Net Wits (captain David Cobb) - 3 games to 0 over Circuit Courts (captain Paul Schmaelzle).

Net Follies (captain Peter Bermani) 2 games to 1 over Ball Busters (captain John Bielonko).

Tumbling Dice (captain Frank Fleming) 2 games to 1 over East Street (captain by Tom Zera).

Southwick JV Win, 40-19

In Junior Varsity action, Southwick clobbered Ludlow's JV's 40-19. Emma Brunton led all scorers with 10 points while teammate Wendy Champigney chipped in with 6. The junior Rams are now 11-2.

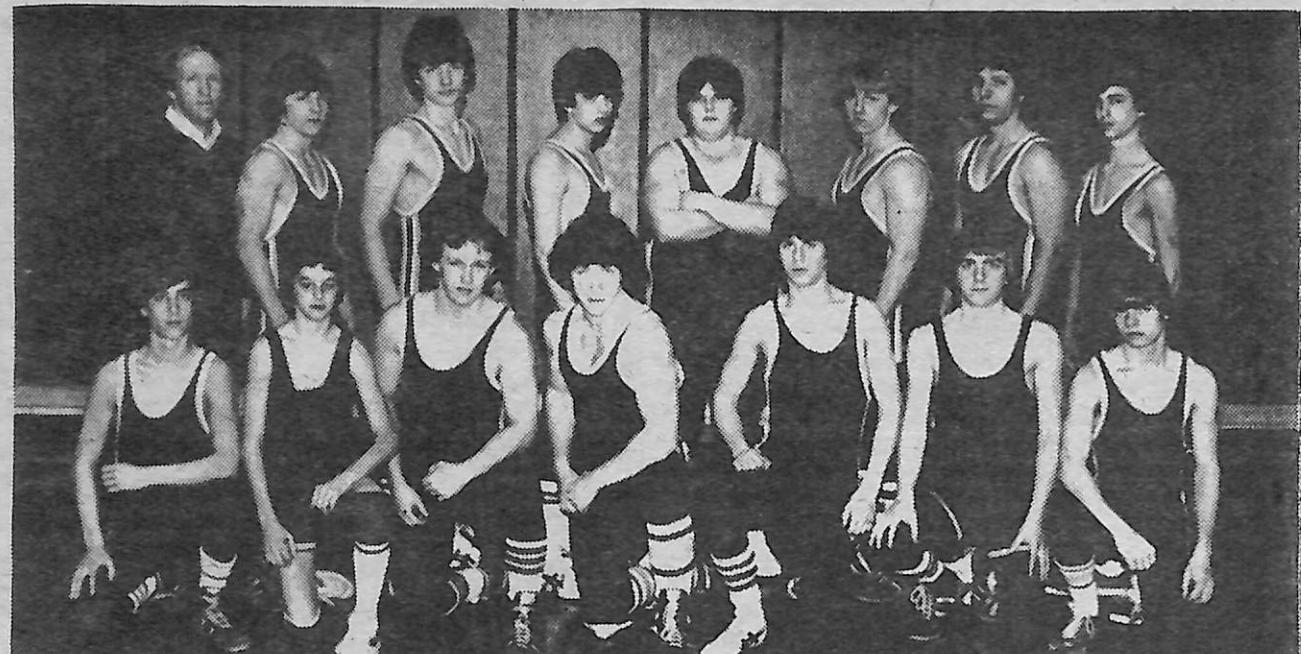
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MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHWICK HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM took their first victory of the season against West Springfield last week. Team members are, back row, from left, Coach Bob Thompson, Bob Tingley, Richard Sandman, Chris Hale, Eric Leavitt, Dave Deray, Eric Mischnevir and Matt McGann. Front row; Jeff Hale, Dan Cook, Brian LaBombard, Ken Grzebien, Doug Hale, Dave Carmody and Rich Tingley. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

Southwick Girls Smother Lions In Easy 52-7 Win

By Chris Hout

Kim Florek and Cindy Lapan combined for 27 points Thursday night to lead Southwick High to an easy 52-7 victory over the outclassed Ludlow Lions in girls basketball action at Southwick High.

The win lifts Southwick's record to 12-3 in the E Division while Ludlow drops to 1-11.

The Rams bolted out to a 16-0 first quarter lead behind Lapan's 8 points and 4 more from Allison Hiers. Florek and Karen Schulz each added 2 points from the charity line.

They extended their lead to 25-1 at the intermission. Ludlow's first point didn't come until 2:52 left in the second quarter.

Florek's six third quarter points and four each from Hiers and Lapan put Southwick out of sight at 41-4 after three.

They closed out the evening with an 11-point fourth quarter. Avola Brown scored all of her points (4) in the final session. Florek added three points while Emma Brunton and Lapan each added a bucket.

"They're just a phenominal team," praised Ludlow coach Phil Delessio. "Southwick's whole team is made up of excellent athletes as well as good basketball players. Lapan and Florek are two of the best player's I've seen in a long while."

"We played really well," offered Southwick coach Jim Vincent. "We'll be going into the tournament in pretty good shape. Tonight was a good team effort."

The Advertiser/News learned yesterday that standout center Jesse Hansen will be lost to the Rams for the remainder of the season.

"It's going to hurt us in the tournament. There's no doubt about it," said Vincent. "I'm going to use Pam Kirsche and Robin Schools at center. They're both capable of doing the job. But Jesse's size underneath will be missed a great deal."

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Sportsmen's Corner

By Bill Chiba

January was a good month for the sportsmen of the state of Mass. Governor King signed the Salmon Compact Bill which finally unites the four states involved in the restoration of salmon in the Conn. River. The commission will be comprised of representatives from Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont, and New Hampshire.

The Governor also signed the Poduck Springs Transfer, which turns over a section of the Sunderland State Fish Hatchery to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. The Fish and Wildlife Service will reconstruct this section of the hatchery into a specially designed adult salmon holding facility. These salmon will be used for brood stock.

The Governor signed a bill that places the Division of Law Enforcement into the Department of Fisheries, Wildlife, and Recreational Vehicles. Law Enforcement was formerly under the Secretary of Environmental Affairs. This move will simplify organization between the two divisions and make operations more efficient.

Brad E. Gage retired from the board of directors of the Division of Fisheries and Game. Brad was chairman of the board, and under his leadership, a great many things for the betterment of the sportsmen were accomplished. Brad has been replaced on the board by Larry Fountain of West Springfield.

The newly elected chairman of the board is George L. Dary of Lenox. Appointed as the Western District representative to the board in January, 1978, he has proven himself a fine spokesman remarkably well versed in all aspects of hunting, trapping, fishing, and related outdoor activities. He, too, has been and will be a great asset to the division. Nancy E. Begin from Topsfield is the newly elected secretary of the board of directors.

Lake Champlain International Fishing Derby

The largest freshwater fishing derby in New England this year will be held on Lake Champlain over Father's Day weekend, June 18-20.

Called the Lake Champlain International Fishing Derby, it is the first of its kind in the area and is a joint project of the Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce in Burlington, Vermont, and the Vermont Sport Fishing Alliance of South Burlington.

The LCI Derby is offering more than \$125,000 in merchandise and cash prizes with the top drawing card being \$100,000 cash for catching one of two specially tagged fish. One tagged walleye and one tagged salmon will be deposited within derby boundaries before the start of the derby Friday, June 18th, at 6 a.m.

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Safety Suggestions

By Lt. Robert Williams
Suffield Police Dept.

Stats On Accidents

The department has recently finished compiling the motor vehicle accident statistics for 1981. According to the department's traffic sergeant, William Kuras, there were a total of 324 accidents during the year which resulted in 160 people being injured. Three of the accidents resulted in fatalities.

186 of the accidents occurred on state highways within the town. East Street (Rte. 159) and Mountain Road (Rte. 168) were the scenes of the majority of accidents. The most frequent days of the week for accidents were Fridays and Saturdays.

In examining the ages of operators involved in accidents, the 16-to-21 year-old drivers experienced the most accidents, accounting for 42% of the total number in the community. The next age group (22-27 year olds) accounted for 26% of the accidents.

The majority of accidents occurred between mid-afternoon and 1 a.m.

One-car accidents were most prevalent with excessive speed and operator inattentiveness as the leading causes of accidents.

In summarizing the statistics, it is apparent that the younger driver on weekends travelling on state highways will receive a more watchful eye from police patrols. The extensive use of radar has been beneficial in preventing accidents with only eight more accidents occurring in 1981 than in 1980 and a drop in fatalities from 5 to 3.

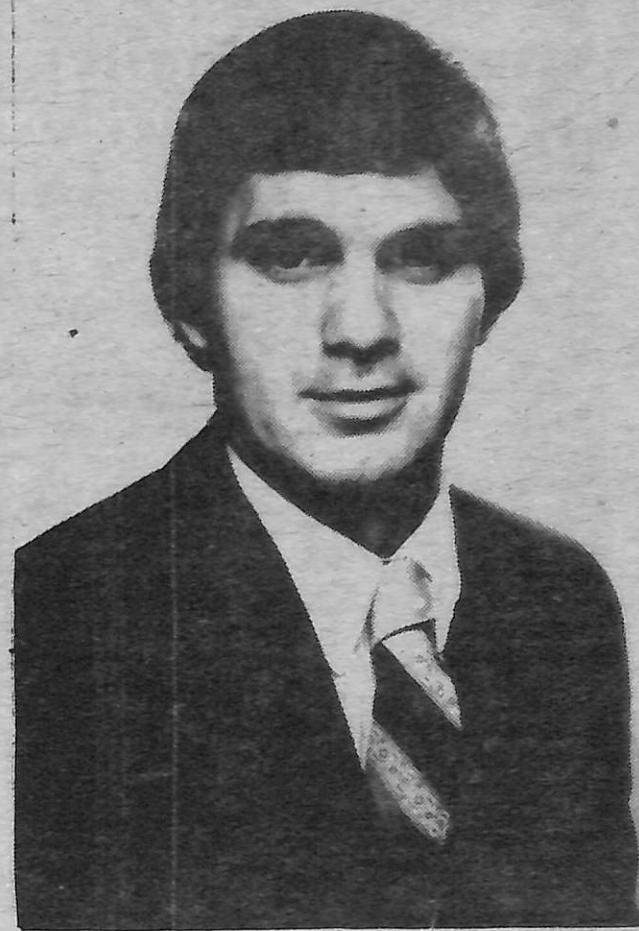
Guide To Massachusetts Users Fees Available

Users fees, the money that cities and towns charge residents for some services, are becoming important revenue sources in the wake of Proposition 2 1/2. The University of Massachusetts Cooperative Extension Service and the Massachusetts Municipal Association are co-sponsors of a handbook *Using User Fees: A Guide for Massachusetts Cities and Towns*.

The 26-page guide includes a case study of user fee revision in one Massachusetts town. It also examines some policy and administrative questions, and lists some advantages and disadvantages that communities considering fees should be aware of. The publication also contains pertinent laws and statutes.

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William "Bud" Martin
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Martin Announces Candidacy For Clerk

William "Bud" Martin, 30, of 77 Pennsylvania Avenue, Springfield, has announced his candidacy for Hampden County Clerk of Courts.

In making his announcement, Martin said, "I'm aware of the high standard of integrity that has marked the operation of that office for the past thirty years. However, two important qualities these past thirty years have not been characterized by are efficiency and innovation."

"I recognize that we live in a time of innovation and change," he continued, "and it's my belief that I can introduce new techniques which will insure the efficient and cost effective operation of the Superior Court clerk's office."

"However, it's not my purpose or intention to speak on the issues at this time. As the campaign develops during the next few months, I will discuss them in detail. I can tell you that, as your Clerk of Courts, I will bring new ideas and strong administrative leadership to this position."

Martin cites his experience as a legislative assistant for the Massachusetts State Senate Judiciary Committee and as the assistant director for personnel for the City of Springfield and his present work as the collective bargaining agent for Springfield combined with his academic training as sufficient to provide him with the administrative know-how and educational background needed to perform the duties of a competent clerk of courts.

Martin graduated from Springfield parochial schools and from Worcester Academy, Dartmouth College, and studied one year at Suffolk University Law School. He is married and the father of three children.



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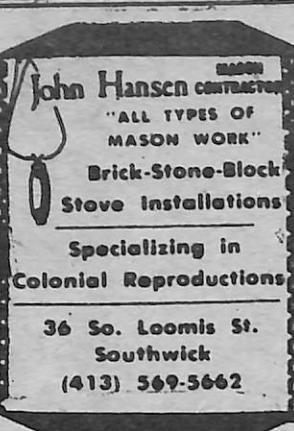
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